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The U.S. Consulate General in Hermosillo would like to alert U.S. citizens residing and traveling in the Mexican states of Sinaloa and Sonora that due to the effects of Hurricane Odile, a Tropical Storm Warning is in effect from Altata, Sinaloa to Bahia Kino, Sonora, and a Tropical Storm Watch is in effect from north of Bahia Kino to Puerto Libertad, Sonora. Mexican civil protection authorities have put northwest Sinaloa and southeast Sonora under a "Red" (highest) alert level, and central Sonora and the remaining parts of Sinaloa, including Mazatlan, at an "Orange" (second highest) alert level.

Hurricane Odile is roughly 100 km east of Cabo San Lazaro, Mexico and the movement is to the northwest at 22 km/hr. Tropical storm conditions will continue to affect portions of the western coast of Mexico through Tuesday morning. The current winds are 150 km/hr (90 mph) and hurricane-force winds extend outward up to 85 km (50 miles). The Mexican Weather service is calling for 2-5 inches of rain for Sinaloa and southern Sonora with up to 10 inches expected in isolated areas. Residents should expect flooding in low lying areas and possible flash flooding in mountainous regions. Swells from Odile will affect portions of the northwestern coast of Mexico, producing life-threatening surf and rip conditions. Heavy inland rains are expected this afternoon and into the night in southern and central Sonora.

The port of Mazatlan, Sinaloa, remains closed. As of 10 a.m. Monday, the Mazatlan airport was open, but delays have been reported. U.S. citizens expecting to depart via the Mazatlan airport on Monday are advised to contact their airline ahead of time to determine flight availability. At this time, the airport in Hermosillo, Sonora is open.

The U.S. National Weather Service (NWS) is following this storm. Please visit NWS's website<<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/?EPAC#ODILE>> , Mexico Meteorological Service<http://smn.cna.gob.mx/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=63> (<http://tinyurl.com/ms57vdx>) or Protección Civil <http://www.proteccioncivil.gob.mx/en/ProteccionCivil/Baja_California_Sur1> for updates and to follow the storm's path.

The U.S. Embassy in Mexico City and U.S. Consulate General Hermosillo will continue to monitor Hurricane Odile's track, and will issue updated messages as necessary. U.S. citizens are urged to locate shelter, monitor media reports, and follow all official instructions. U.S. citizens should carry their travel documents at all time (i.e. U.S. Passport, Birth Certificate, picture ID's, etc.) or secure them in safe, waterproof locations. We also suggest that U.S. citizens contact friends and family in the United States with updates about their whereabouts.

Additional information on hurricanes and storm preparedness may be found on our "**Hurricane Season-Know Before You Go**" webpage, and on the "**Natural Disasters**" page of the Bureau of Consular Affairs website. Updated information on travel in Mexico may be obtained from the Department of State by calling 1-888-407-4747 within the United States and Canada, or from overseas, 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 am to 8:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

U.S. citizens residing and traveling abroad should review the Department's Worldwide Caution and other travel information when making decisions concerning their travel plans and activities while abroad. U.S. citizens are encouraged to enroll in the **Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)**. U.S. citizens without internet access may enroll directly at the nearest U.S. Embassy or U.S. Consulate. By enrolling, U.S. citizens make it easier for the embassy/consulates to contact them in case of emergency.

The U.S. Consulate in Hermosillo is located at Calle Monterrey #141 Poniente, Hermosillo, Sonora Mexico, and is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, telephone (662) 289-3500. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the Consulate is 662 256-0741**; E-mail: HermoACS@state.gov

The U.S. Consular Agency in Mazatlan is located in the Golden Zone, Playa Gaviotas 202 local 10, Mazatlan, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., telephone (669) 916-5889. If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, **the emergency number for the U.S. Embassy/Consulate is 662 256-0741** (dialing from the U.S. 011-52 + phone number); Email: ConAgencyMazatlan@state.gov